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MISSOULA--

Addressing an audience of 1,350 Wednesday night, Oct. 29, at the University of Montana in Missoula, Dr. Daniel Ellsberg, who made public the secret Pentagon Papers on the Vietnam War, said, "In order to prevent future Vietnam Wars and Watergate scandals, we must face the reality of who runs the country and in whose interests and the challenge that that poses to us of changing all that."

Ellsberg's talk in the University Theater on the Missoula campus was the first in a series of three free public lectures being presented as part of the continuing Mansfield Lectures on International Relations at UM. This, the sixth program in the Mansfield series, continues through Saturday, Nov. 1, at UM.

"After visiting North Vietnam in 1961, I felt that whatever the merits, any involvement in Vietnam was a losing proposition," Ellsberg said. "The Pentagon papers were a leakage of the truth to the American public."

According to Ellsberg, the Pentagon Papers answer the question, "What did those U.S. Presidents involved in the Vietnam War know and when did they know it?"

"Plans for total devastation of North Vietnam through B-52 bombings and massive troop invasions were devised in 1961," Ellsberg said. "Escalation of the war and a land invasion of North Vietnam would have led to the use of nuclear weapons."

"The U.S. was able to stay in Vietnam as long as it did because in South Vietnam we did not face the full, committed opposition of the whole population of North Vietnam."

Ellsberg, an economist, political scientist and author, also focused on the influence that anti-war activities had in bringing an eventual end to the Vietnam struggle.

"The anti-war movement of the late '60s and early '70s saved hundreds of thousands of lives and, beyond that, constituted the ending of a war that I think would otherwise still be going on," Ellsberg said. "The Pentagon Papers were part of that anti-war movement."

According to Ellsberg, "Watergate was the result of the Nixon Administration's actions against the anti-war movement."

And, the speaker warned, "The men and values of those men who gave us Watergate and Vietnam still have control of the policies of the use of nuclear weapons."

Other free public lectures in the University Theater as part of the sixth Mansfield program at UM include one by former Under Secretary of State George W. Ball at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, and another by Dr. Walt W. Rostow, adviser to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, from 3-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31.

Theme of this year's Mansfield program is "American Foreign Policy After Vietnam."

The Mansfield lecture program was established in 1967 at UM under the/Mansfield  
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Endowment of the UM Foundation in recognition of Senate Majority Leader Mansfield's 25 years of congressional service and the University's 75th anniversary, which coincided in 1968. The series is funded through the UM Foundation under donations of about \$120,000.